

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2720 - HB 2903

February 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any physician performing Level III office-based surgery to report to the Board of Medical Examiners within 15 calendars days of certain events including the death of a patient during or within 72 hours of a surgery, an unplanned admission into a hospital within 72 hours of discharge, or the discovery of a foreign object erroneously remaining in a patient from the surgery. The reports must contain the type of Level III office-based surgery that was performed.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Board of Medical Examiners

Assumptions:

- Currently, the Board of Medical Examiners collects similar reports from physicians performing Level II office-based surgery.
- Requiring Level III office-based surgery physicians to meet similar reporting standards as Level II office-based surgery physicians will not result in a significant increase in expenditures for the Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$108,302.81. The Board's FY08-09 balance is not yet available.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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